



## PATENT APPLICATION

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For:

DRIVING FORCE TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING

APPARATUS USING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel both occurrences of claim 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 16 and 17 as follows:

The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image carrier --16. is a plurality of image carriers .--

The image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said driving force transmission apparatus has an apparatus for transferring driving force from the drive source to a first image carrier and an apparatus for transferring driving force from said drive source to a second image carrier.-